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Mr. David Durakovich
Custom Organics, Inc.
1445 West 42nd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60609

Dear Mr. Durakovich:

The purpose of this letter is to explain the basis for the recent request to you by Dan Cozza at the firm of Ecology and Environment, Inc. to visit the Custom Organics site. The Environmental Protection Agency has been given authority under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-510) to gain access to sites where hazardous substances are or have been generated, stored, treated, disposed or transported. The purpose of such access can involve viewing or copying records relating to the site's hazardous substances, inspecting the site and obtaining samples. Your firm may assert a claim of confidentiality for any information entitled to protection under 40 CFR Part 2 Subpart B by designating data that you believe is entitled to such protection and submitting that data separately.

Ecology and Environment (E&E) is a contractor for EPA acting on our behalf as the field investigation team. E&E requires access to the Custom Organics site property to perform a site inspection, which in this case will not involve sampling. The site inspection would be performed to determine the impact or potential impact on the environment of any hazardous wastes which may exist in an uncontrolled manner at the site. A site inspection is subsequently reflected in a report (EPA Form 2070-13), a copy of which may be requested by contacting this office. The site inspection report provides a basis for determining if any further action is required at the site. Screening via a site inspection is part of the process for identifying those uncontrolled hazardous waste sites to be included on the National Priorities List, thereby making Superfund monies available for site cleanup.

Representatives from E&E will contact you by telephone within the near future in order to establish a time for the on-site visit.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact John Oaks of my staff at (312) 886-6156.

Sincerely yours,

Richard E. Bartelt, Chief
Remedial Response Branch

cc: Ecology & Environment

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